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Special Program Focuses on Black Culture, Attempts to Bridge Racial Gap at Shaker

Dr. William Greenham has decided to suspend classes Monday, May 19, so that students may participate in a special Human Relations Day. The theme will be black studies.

THE PRIMARY purpose of the day is to educate both blacks and whites. Many aspects of black culture will be covered, including black history and African art, music, and dress.

A GROUP of five faculty members, Dr. Greenham, Joseph Szwaja, Jerry Graham, Carmen Parasility, W. Roger Snead and three students, Thelissa Corbin, David Gressel and Alonzo Johnson, has planned the program. Each student will be able to hear several speakers. All of the speakers will be black, and the organizers hope that national as well as local figures will attend.

ALONZO BELIEVES that the idea is a first in a school like Shaker, with a black minority. If the program is successful, it may be continued in following years. The committee is considering a similar program on Judaism next year.

"It's about time people became aware of the 'invisible people'," says Alonzo. "I hope this program will help to bridge the gap between races at Shaker."

Students rehearse musical, *Boys from Syracuse.*

Choir Stages Spring Musical; Welcomes 'Boys from Syracuse'

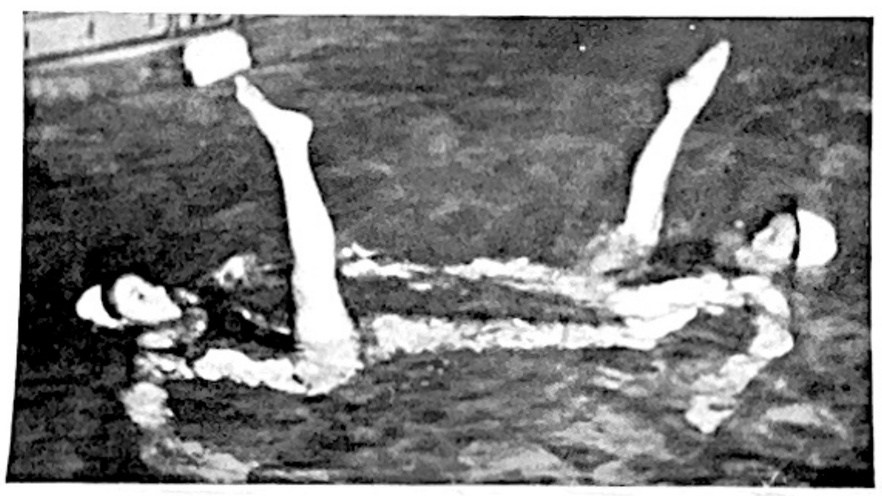
Shakespeare's *Comedy of Errors*, which is based on *Menaechmi* by Plautus, is the basis for the A Cappella Choir spring production of "The Boys from Syracuse." The musical directed by Reynold Ellis and John Barner, will be staged in the auditorium on the nights of April 25 and 26, at 8:30 p.m.

The story, which takes place in ancient Greece, involves two troublesome sets of twins, a distraught couple, and many townspeople. A mishap in the water separates the two pairs of twins, the Dromios and the Antipholuses, from the couple. In Ephisus the men from Syracuse, the twins' fathers, are searching for them. Meanwhile, the townspeople confuse the identities of the look-alikes, and this leads to humorous mishaps.

The eight leads are Laurie Heller as the courtesan, Alan Jaffe and Dave Permut as the two Dromios, Billy Davis and Joe Monachino as the two Antipholuses, Vivi Veras as Adriana, wife of Antipholus, and Dianne Palmer and Susie Ablon as the maid and sister of Adriana, respectively.

Shaker's Sharcs Synchronize Aquatic, Journalistic Skills

SHARC S2W3J, an original swim show by the Shaker Sharcs Club, will splash down on Thursday afternoon, May 1, and on Friday and Saturday evenings, dramatising black-white conflicts. The Sharcs are also preparing a variety of ensemble routines, including an all-senior act and a satire on want ads.



May 2 and 3.

SHARC S2W3J is an abbreviation for the show's full title, "The Shaker Heights Aquatic Recreation Club Presents Its Synchronized Skills in the Wide Wonderful World of Journalism, or What's News?"

The theme of the show's sixteen synchronized swim routines is "newspapers." Club president Leslie Grand will perform a solo, "Horoscope", and seniors Beth Hanna and Peggy Satola will swim a duet, "Editorial Page,"

Publications Name Staffs

The Shakerite and *The Gristmill* have announced their editorial staffs for the next school year.

Editor-in-Chief Bill Ratnoff will head *The Shakerite* staff with the assistance of senior editors Ralph Hexter, Jim Holdstein, Cathy Wheeler, Amy Phillips, Ned Stoll, Katie MacIntyre, and Cyndi Gold. Alan Inglis will be Sports Editor. Peter Borowitz will be the Junior Editor, and Peter Jones, Junior Sports Editor.

Major *Gristmill* responsibilities will fall upon John Broder, Editor-in-Chief; David Malitz, Photography Coordinator; Pepi Kriegsfeld, Activities Editor-in-Charge; and Howard Bonem, Advertising Editor-in-Charge. *The Gristmill* will also have several other seniors and juniors on the staff next year.

Gary Gross will serve as Editor-in-Chief of *Semanteme*, Shaker's literary magazine.

Besse, Gardner Visit Shaker, Discuss Municipal Problems

Ralph Besse, president of Cleveland Electric Illuminating and nationally known for his humanitarian efforts in Cleveland, and Bert Gardner, Chairman of the Community Relations Board in Cleveland and a key figure in calming the Glenville disturbance, spoke to Jerry Graham's Urban Problems class during the last two weeks.

DISCUSSING the structure of municipal government, Mr. Besse explained that only by redistributing local control through a greater emphasis on county-wide control can the enormous disparities between the wealth, quality of services, and tax procedures of metropolitan communities be reduced.

Mr. Gardner spoke mainly on the subject of civil conflicts. He contended that to pacify explosive situations, reasoning is better than a show of authority: "You don't read the Riot Act, you find where the soft underbelly is."

Council Approves Petition Plan, Senior Exemptions from Finals

A vastly different system of electing Student Council representatives now awaits approval of the student body, and some seniors may soon be exempt from taking second semester final examinations.

April 9, Student Council formulated a Constitutional Amendment which must be approved by at least two thirds of the student body. The amendment outlines a new election system in which any student can become a representative by acquiring a certain number — as yet undecided — of signatures of students who want him to represent them. Each student may sign for only one representative, who must be of the same class as that student.

THE MAIN PURPOSE of the new system is to create direct and proportional minority representation in Council. Said Vice President Lee Fisher, "Under the present system most homerooms elect representatives holding majority attitudes, and as a result much less than a proportional amount of minority representatives are elected. Without these representatives, minorities have no voting power, and the proposals they relay to Council aren't given proportional support." In the proposed system, a student with "extreme" views can unite with students having similar views and elect a representative.

The plan places much responsibility in each student, who may seek out a representative, or have none at all. The plan also calls for the establishment of times in which representatives could meet with their constituencies; since no time would need to be spent on Student Council business in homeroom, representatives could meet weekly in the time saved.

APRIL 8, COUNCIL voted to recommend to the faculty that seniors maintaining a B or better in a subject at the 12-week marking period of second semester be exempt from taking the final examination in that subject.

Muskie Questions Priority Of Costly Defense Projects

Talking about the ills of American cities, Senator Edmund Muskie, the Democratic nominee for the vice-presidency, addressed the Park Synogogue Forum on April 15. He emphasized that Americans must realize what should be done and then make a commitment equal to the task.

"THE GHETTO is a prison. It is the absence of choice." If the society fails to provide alternative choices-equal opportunities for education and "the right to live and work in decency"—then the society is undemocratic. Americans must decide whether they want their money to provide for high-cost defense propects or "to feed, clothe, and shelter ten million undernourished Americans." Both business and government must take risks on "low-interest and long-term loans to new business aimed at encouraging minority ownership and operation."

Muskie attributed the problems of today to the impact of the thirties on his generation. The scars of the depression created a desire for economic security; this need has helped generate our present-day materialistic society. As a result of World War II his generation also became preoccupied with military security which has involved the United States in a series of costly armed conflicts.

WHILE OPPOSED TO the present draft structure, Muskie does not favor a volunteer army. He feels that such an army would *seem* lucrative in salary and opportunity and appeal mainly to the poor and black. It might also have an inhibiting effect on the country's policies. Instead he favors a lottery system for 19-year-olds and alternatives to the army such as Peace Corps and Vista.

Shakerite Ranks 'All American'

The Shakerite has won the National Scholastic Press Association's "All-American" award for the first semester of this school year. The award puts the newspaper among the best of its class in the United States.

THE N.S.P.A., which evaluates high school newspapers, rates each paper in various categories. *The Shakerite* received perfect scores for news stories and editorials. Its lowest scores were for photography and captions.

Erich Fromm Leads Seminars at CWRU

Dr. Erich Fromm, leading American humanist, noted psychologist, social philosopher, and author, is currently visiting Mather College of Case Western Reserve University and presenting an informal program there.

THE PROGRAM, entitled "Inter-connection between Psychological and Social Factors," is designed so that Dr. Fromm can meet and get acquainted with the students in an informal atmosphere without any commitment to teach in a structured lecture course. Aside from two public lectures, he will be living and eating with students and talking with them in seminars and discussion groups.

Dr. Fromm has taught at many prominent universities including Yale, Michigan, and Columbia, and has written five books: *The Revolution of Hope, The Art of Loving, Escape from Freedom, Psychoanalysis and Religion*, and *The Sane Society*.

Editorial

Passage of 1969 Operating Levy Will Assure Future Excellence of Shaker School System

The voters of Shaker have overwhelmingly supported past bond issues which provided for major additions and necessary improvements in their schools, thus assuring the continuation of excellent education for their children. The proposals of the 1968 bond issue are now being realized in the construction of a new science wing for the senior high, a pool at Woodbury, and improved facilities for several elementary schools.

BUT THE maintenance of this construction and the future of our schools depend on the successful passage of the 1969 operating levy of 39.23 mills. In the May 6 primary election, residents of Shaker's educational community must vote for a renewal of the present levy of 31.33 mills, which expires this year, and for an additional 7.9 mills. The levy provides funds needed to maintain the budget, finance salary increases for the professional and non-professional staff for the next two years, and pay for supplies.

Ohio gives Shaker Heights 10% of its operating funds. Real estate tax provides the only other source of revenue. The levy includes a 7.9 mill increase because the property valuation for taxes doesn't produce enough to pay for the rising costs of education. A home worth nearly $75,000 produces about $1,000 in school taxes. This is approximately the amount needed to educate one Shaker public school student for one year.

IF THE LEVY fails to pass, the school district will have insufficient income for operating after December 31, 1969. Superintendent John Lawson estimates that without the increased teacher salaries provided by the levy, 60 or 70 of the present teachers will have to be dropped. This will increase the number of students in an average class. If no taxes are voted by January, 1970, the schools will have to close.

The Shakerite urges all students to encourage their parents to vote for the levy. Only the passage of this levy will assure the future success of the Shaker schools.

Stuffed classrooms, starved teachers.

Editorial

More Variety Needed In Boys' Gym Program

Learning and practicing athletic skills is no less useful to boys than to girls. Yet it is a commonplace to observe that girls in their gym classes may participate in a greater variety of athletics than boys in theirs.

GIRLS MAY learn archery, fencing, and tennis; boys' gym does not offer instruction in these sports. Most boys, it is true, would rather play softball and football, but many, perhaps more than might be expected, would appreciate a chance to learn a new sport.

So long as boys must spent 50 minutes each day in gym, we suggest that the time be usefully spent. For many boys it is wasted. And we do not see that the skills of mushball or softball are more useful than those of tennis or golf, which, learned now, would provide a source of pleasure and diversion throughout life.

EXPANSION OF the boys' gym program to include more sports would not require money. Many boys could provide their own tennis rackets and golf clubs so that new equipment would not need to be bought.

The Shakerite requests that all boys wishing to learn a new sport support our position by conveying its advantages to the gym teachers. Our editorial alone will effect no change.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a member of Shaker High School's Curriculum Committee, I am writing this letter in defense of the Committee against the attacks of two editorials appearing in *The Shakerite* February 6 and March 21, 1969. The first editorial gives the Committee the awesome ultimatum to "get cracking—now." The Committee is charged with acting too slowly and in a nebulous way. The first recommendation to the Committee is to reinstate two of the members who were dismissed for poor attendance. Although the editor's reason for their reinstatement lies in the fact that they were on Joe Stern's committee last year, I would like to point out that their poor attendance was partly the Committee's reason for having not got cracking earlier this year. When one of the senior representatives with the most experience shows the least responsibility not attending the meetings, nothing will be accomplished by our waiting for the representative to grace the meeting with his presence . . .

In another editorial, an objection is raised to the Curriculum Committee's work on the subject of modular scheduling. Bill Ratnoff, writer of the editorial and member of Curriculum Committee when he feels like coming, charges that the Committee does not know enough about the levels system at Shaker to propose modular scheduling to alter the levels system. I respectfully submit that Bill Ratnoff is ignorant of the facts since modular scheduling is still in its earliest planning stages during which no mention was made of its effect of altering the level system. Further, he correctly states that modular scheduling would enable students to take more courses than the present four or five subject maximum. He later contradicts himself, however, by saying that the system would allocate about one-third of the student's time for independent study, and he charges that no good can come of this since, at present, "conditions in study halls and the library minimize any fruitful work." First, since as pointed out before, more students will be able to take more subjects, it is likely that the study hall load would not be increased to such an extent that no work at all could be accomplished with more efficient . . . policing. In addition, it was brought up at the Committee faculty meeting, which Bill attended, that more study halls with smaller numbers could be created with an emphasis on "subject study halls" at which a subject teacher would be present to answer any specific questions relating to his subject . . .

Barry Rollins

Editor's note: The February 6 editorial pointed out that the poor attendance for which the committeemen were dismissed was the result of the committee's failure to announce its meetings, not their irresponsibility. It suggested that the committee finish the position paper on the levels system, which Joe's committee had started, so that it might better "understand the . . . system it seeks to alter through modular scheduling." The committee was at the time considering changing the system with the new scheduling.

Senior Slump Descends on Shaker; Faculty Has Part-Noise Complaint

Jim Siegelman,
Student Emeritus

Brothers and sisters, Shaker seniors are caught in the throes of a violent storm! The wicked curse of the demon Senior Slump has descended upon us, and only the heartiest can escape its grip.

SATANIC CHATTER and ogreish snoring make our solemn classrooms part teaching, part noise; and no administrator can cope with our teachers' Part-Noise Complaints. Our recitation rooms have become homes for Shaker's aged, and our somnambulistic senior citizens apathetically await the journey beyond, through the pearly gates of higher education.

Ironic Sun, Prince of Darkness beckoning the young lambs from their sweltering classrooms, release thy hold on tomorrow's leaders. Arch-fiend Classcut, the Tempter, ease thy grasp on the future's Nixons and Agnews. Fellow brethren, defy the sweet smell of Spring's intoxication! Concentrate on Milton, Archimedes, and "Miranda vs. the State of Arizona, 1984."

LETHARGY, the Common Enemy, is after your souls! Resist temptation, and, in the American tradition, tax your energies to the limit. "I call upon every youth to stop inhaling the poisonous fumes of budding elms, and abandon the Quest to seek the sun." Brother James is here to help you salvage your idle souls. Send your blasphemous record albums and execrable suntan lotions to me, Brother James, Mission of the Sacred Bookmobile, Inc.; start the journey down the long road to rehabilitation. Write me for lists of homework assignments that will help you back into the groove. Write away right away, and I'll send you a list of tests that you can study for. Pull yourselves out of the quicksand of languorous lassitude by sending for the Brother James Term Paper Assignment Kit, complete with carbon paper and No-Doz pills. Don't delay; the supply of assignments is limited, and Brother James wants to help his fellow man before his grades drop too much.

Smothers Brothers' Fans Let Comedy Hour Suffocate

by Steve Peskind

About three weeks ago a punny, front-page headline of the Sunday Plain Dealer stated CBS SMOTHERS BROTHERS SHOW. The following article related that CBS, after continual altercation with the Smothers brothers over network censorship, had determined to drop the controversial show from CBS's Fall schedule. This editorial considers the question: What did the Smothers' "loyal" followers, who grumbled the loudest about the program's dismissal, do on the show's behalf before it was discontinued?

THE PROGRAM'S antagonized viewers, nimble on the typewriter, informed CBS with lightning speed that they objected to the often mordant jokes on politics, sex, Vietnam, and organized religion. When the network permitted Pete Seeger to sing "Big Muddy," a song which criticized the War and President Johnson, seventy-five critical letters poured in to CBS, enough to cause cancellation of the routine (it was later permitted). The show's censors, touchy from viewers' castigations, decided to nip controversy in the bud, and in publicized censorship battles with Tom Smothers, deleted scenes involving Joan Baez, Jackie Mason, and David Steinberg. With letters the program's foes made their presences felt.

While Smothers' critics worked feverishly, their fans, so-called "action" liberals, instead of voicing their approval of the show by writing to the network, gave the brothers much lip service but little action. Certainly, if one appreciated the Smothers' brand of comedy, he could have presented CBS with a more realistic, two-sided view of audience opinion.

THUS, THE comedy hour was cancelled in part because those critical of the show acted, and the show's fans did not concretely demonstrate their approval. Because of television's liberalizing trend, similar censorship skirmishes are inevitable; therefore, the Smothers incident should serve as a valuable lesson for those desiring to protect their television interests.

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Iphigenia Is Entertaining Drama; McElroy Excels as Clytemnestra

by Bill Ratnoff

Despite its deficiencies, the Cleveland Play House's production of *Iphigenia in Aulis*, a tragedy by Euripides, is entertaining drama. Evie McElroy's low-keyed interpretation of Clytemnestra makes it so, just as her rendition of Mrs. Lincoln earlier this season made that play captivating. Mario Siletti directs *Iphigenia* imaginatively, but few of his actors come through for him.

JANET KAPRAL as Iphigenia is melodramatic. She knows that her father plans to sacrifice her, and she hunches her shoulders in the way Siletti probably directed her. But before she straightens up to accept her death, her cringes become so pronounced that we realize she is acting that way merely because she was told to.

Evie McElroy (Clytemnestra)

The Chorus is small, so the girls dance around the stage, but they dance clumsily. The translation from the Greek is understandable, but mixes Shakespearean English with modern idiom; the effect is absurd. Evie McElroy, though, is superb as the grand Clytemnestra. Instead of shrieking her lines, she speaks them quietly. The effect is what Euripides intended: a tremendous emotional buildup.

The production of *Iphigenia* could have been the best of the year, but it suffered from perfunctory acting, sloppily executed choreography, and an unsatisfactory translation.

Cyclist at St. Helen's

St. Helen's Students Prove Unicycling Beats Walking

by Amy E. Phillips

Hula Hooping is out! Unicycling is in! All ninty-seven students at St. Helen's School in Newbury, Ohio, will agree.

Unicycling is part of everyday life at St. Helen's. Almost all the students, fifth through eighth grades, are skilled in cycling. It looks simple for one boy to come riding down a specially constructer staircase, while another goes flying off a ramp onto a beam five inches wide. If anyone falls, he picks himself up, dusts himself off, and tries again.

UNICYCLING HAS BEEN an active sport at St. Helen's for three years. The original purpose in incorporating unicycling into the physical education program was to make the school unique. **All students receive four to five weeks training in the basic skills** of cycling as part of their physical education. The boys and girls are so enthusiastic about unicycling, that they come into the gym during lunch and after school to practice. Some even cycle through the halls.

No matter what kind of unicycling, riding it requires great balance. In training the students, physical education teacher, Peter F. Hangath, and Father James J. Morin, principal, feel that unicycling gives the student's body coordination and a lack of fear.

AFTER SEEING a demonstration, it is evident that these students fear almost nothing. But it's also encouraging to know in three years of unicycling at St. Helen's, there have not been any real injuries. Unicycling, anyone?

Semanteme Varies in Quality

by Freda Levenson

If you think you've noticed that *Semanteme* has printed a poem three times, it's probably because you haven't figured out how to unfold it.

THE MECHANICS of the newly-adopted and bold folding-poster format make it charmingly full of little surprises. In fact, the intriguing layout and the arty photography nearly make up for the uneven quality of the contents, which are less than delightful and ingenious.

There really are some lovely passages scattered around the poster, but they are practically hidden among the predominant and adolescent sentimentalizings. Teenagers incorporate too much of their dreams about "running away," "facing the dawn," warming (their) heart(s)," and "casting a magic spell" into soft, whimpery poetry. (Perhaps the name could be changed to *Semanteen.)*

ANONYMOUS WAS true to his style, but the boggled librarians in "x and the red bifle," the short story, "Catesby stomped," and parts of other Kaplan poems are among those surprisingly good surprises. Ratnoff's sonnets appear to have been carefully crafted.

But most of the trite insides weren't worth the trouble struggling to undo the defiantly well-folded poster.

Administrators Attend Workshop, Evaluate Black-White Relations

by Katie MacIntyre

The counselors and principals of both junior highs and the high school along with other administrators attended a human relations workshop in an attempt to evaluate the relationship between the black student and the counselor and to discover new ways to aid the black student.

THE WORKSHOP, April 10 and 11 at the Manor House of Punderson State Park, was organized at the request of the counselors by administrators Roger Snead and Dr. Robert Stinson. The agenda combined lectures, all of which were by black speakers, with discussions.

The topics that were covered included racism and prejudice, history of the black-white relationships in the U.S. and its effects, and changes in Shaker and the proposed housing plan.

AN ESPECIALLY interesting part of the program consisted of listening to taped student responses to counselors' questions about school race relations. The counselors rightly feel that students are closest to the racial situation and, therefore, can give the most accurate information. The students remained anonymous, but Mrs. Betty Bonthius, girls' counselor, felt that it might have been valuable to have student presentations in person.

THE COUNSELORS pronounced the workshop successful. A proposed summer writing project will summarize its conclusions and results.

Best-Selling *Portnoy's Complaint* Unworthy of Critics' Accolades

by Ralph Hexter

The position on the best-selling book charts of Philip Roth's *Portnoy's Complaint* reveals one aspect of contemporary society: the American public is reading trash.

ALEXANDER PORTNOY, the central character, begins by describing his family. His mother Sophie is exaggeratedly portrayed as the stereotyped Jewish mother. His weak father's character is inanely symbolised by a frustrating case of constipation.

Purporting to examine the psychology of the "castration complex," Roth treats the reader to a detailed account of Portnoy's divers sexual experiences which range from adolescent masturbation to impotence in the Promised Land.

THE TEXT is covered with a thick layer of dirty words. Almost immediately, the reader becomes so accustomed to these obescenities that they lose any meaning they might have had.

The actual setting of the book is Dr. Spielvogel's psychiatric couch on which Portnoy is complaining about his life. This contrived situation necessitates occasional direct address to the doctor which interrupts Portnoy's monologue and distracts the reader.

THE BOOK progresses in approximate chronological order but has many flash-backs. While the tempo increases as the end approaches, the plot seems to dissolve into absurdity. This process is blessedly halted by one of the most ridiculous finales ever written.

THE AUTHOR DOES, however, strike a common chord among teenagers when he has Portnoy bitterly demand to be left alone by his parents. But Roth's constant emphasis on the Jewish aspects of the situation stands in the way of universal application.

The number of books about Jewish mothers has grown beyond reason. Let us pray that *Portnoy's Complaint* is the last.

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Unbeaten Trackmen Edge Powerful Euclid

Mumford Stars as Shaker Moves Toward LEL Title

After winning the LEL Indoor Track Championship, Shaker, led by captain Eric Mumford, is now on its way towards capturing the LEL Outdoor Crown.

THE RAIDERS, undefeated in dual meets, have destroyed Chanel, Shaw, and Parma and in their most important meet nipped Euclid, 65-62. Mumford, winning the high jump, long jump, and 180-yard high hurdles, Tom Mosley, Charles Jernigan, Dale Phillips, and Jim and Jeff Kramer turned in excellent performances in Shaker's victory over Euclid.

Shaker has also fared well in the relay meets. The Raiders finished in a ninth-place tie in the Mansfield Relays. Mumford, placing first in the long jump, and the shuttle hurdles relay team of Mumford, Mosley, Jernigan, and Bobby Johnston accounted for Shaker's points.

LAST SATURDAY the Raiders placed third in the open division and fourth in the relays division in the 12-team Sandusky Relays. Mumford, who won two events, Brian Clarke, Jim Kramer, and Mosley performed well in the open division while the two-mile relay team of Jon Kilroy, Jim Green, and the Kramers paced Shaker in the relays.

Junior Tom Mosley captures high hurdles in Euclid meet.

Captain Dave Orlean smashes serve in recent practice.

Golfers Sport 2-1 LEL Mark

Shaker's golf team opened the 1969 season with victories over Shaw and Euclid and losses to Parma and Mayfield, as the golfers began their quest to capture the Lake Erie League crown. They hope to improve on last year's third place finish in the district tournament.

THE MAIN problem facing the team is a lack of experienced players. There is only one returning letterman from last year's team; captain Mike Birkhold. Mike, a three-year letterman in golf, led the team in the qualifying rounds with a 155 for 36 holes.

Three shots behind Mike in the qualifying rounds were senior Steve Tvert and junior Ted Biskind. Coach Al Raymond also has some other fine prospects in senior Riley Ahlman and sophomores Zack Bruell and Bob Chew.

AFTER barely failing to qualify last year for the state meet, Shaker's golfers will continue to play with their sights set on the LEL title and the state tournament.

Netters Face University School in Crucial Match

Shaker's tennis team will begin its fight this month to regain last year's high standing in the tough Suburban Tennis League.

SHAKER competes in the toughest of the league's several divisions. Along with Shaker, defending league champion University School, Hawken, Gilmour Academy, and Western Reserve Academy will compete for the divisional crown.

Commenting on Shaker's chances of winning the championship, coach Fred Brown states that Shaker, with one of the league's most highly-rated teams, must overcome favored University School in the first divisional match today.

ALREADY, several hopeful Shakerites, led by team captain Dave Orlean, are looking forward to the Ohio state matches next month.

Along with Orlean, Jim Osher, Jon Stone, Robby Feiss, Harley Goldstein, David Lomas, Tim Shane, and David Meyer complete the varsity squad.

THE TENNIS team's junior varsity, which is presently coachless, will play some inter-scholastic matches along with several intra-squad matches.

The Unbeaten Track

by Dan Polster

Shaker's track team has cleared the one major obstacle on the path to the LEL title with last week's thrilling victory over Euclid. It was a team effort, but special recognition should be given to Captain Eric Mumford.

After winning the long jump and low hurdles and finishing third in the high hurdles, Mumford found himself in the unenviable position of having to win the high jump to preserve the victory. Even a second place finish would give Euclid the win.

With the LEL championship riding on each jump, Mumford responded to the pressure. He easily cleared 6'0", 6'1", and 6'2", but his Euclid opponent duplicated the feat. With the bar raised to 6'3", Eric soared over with two inches to spare to win the event and the meet.

After being overshadowed by Milan Tiff for two years, Mumford has blossomed into one of the area's brightest stars. He has consistently won three events per meet, and last week captured the long jump championship at the Sandusky Relays. He will be a double threat at the state meet next month.

Swatters Rap Shaw, South; Lack Hitting

The Shaker baseball team got off to a slow start this season by winning only two of its first five games. Weak hitting proved to be the downfall of the Raiders as the pitching, in most cases, was fairly good.

THE OPENING game of the season resulted in a 5-2 loss to the Benedictine Bengals. Although the diamondmen scored two runs, they collected only two hits. Bob Lebby, the losing pitcher, started and was relieved by Gregg Golenberg and George Kubach.

The Raiders won their first game April 11, as the sluggers rapped six hits in a 3-0 victory over the South High Flyers. Lebby, Golenberg, and Kubach pitched a masterful one-hitter for the Raiders.

THE NEXT day Shaker dropped the first game of a doubleheader to Rocky River in extra innings, 1-0. Lebby pitched an excellent two-hitter, but a single in the bottom of the eighth drove in Rocky River's winning run. The swatters also lost the second game to Cathedral Latin, 6-3. Gregg Golenberg was tagged with the loss and catcher Dean Rudoff hit a homer in the game.

April 17, the Raiders rebounded to down the Shaw Cardinals, 3-0, as Lebby pitched a sparkling two-hitter.

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